

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ROAD AGENT
AND TREASURER
OF THE
TOWN OF BRADFORD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1897,
AND THE
VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 1896.

BRADFORD, N. H.
F. M. HOWE, JOB PRINTER,
1897.

WHY

Was our trade in 1896 over \$15,000.00
more than in 1894?

Simply because we sell

**First Quality Goods, and give you
your money's worth every time.**

**IF YOU
ARE NOT . . .**

Already buying of us, give us your
trade for the next year, and make a sub-
stantial saving in your expenses, AND EN-
COURAGE LOW PRICES.

F. H. MESSER,
Bradford, N. H.

Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Boots and Shoes,
Dry Goods, Ready Made Clothing, Paints, Oils, etc.

[Copy of Warrant for Town Meeting.]

State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford, in the County of Merrimack, in Said State, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in said Bradford, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1st :— To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

2d :— To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

3d :— To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars for memorial day.

4th :— To see what action the town will take on the petition of A. H. Cheney and others, in regard to lighting the Town Hall and streets of our village by electricity.

5th :— To see what action the town will take in regard to moving the Selectmen's room back and putting in a stage.

Given under our hand and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety seven.

EDWARD C. MESSER,	} Selectmen	
BYRAN A. CRESSY,		of
ORLEN D. CRAM.		Bradford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1896.

Polls,.. .. .	241	\$ 24,100
Real Estate,.. .. .		288,950
Horses,	282	12,997
Oxen,	53	2,360
Cows,.. .. .	562	12,801
Neat Stock,.. .. .	42	732
Sheep,	420	945
Hogs,	9	86
Carriages,	10	502
Stock in Public Funds,.. .. .		5,400
Stock in Banks in this State,		1,600
Money on hand or on deposit,		22,784
Stock in trade,		24,950
Mills and Machinery,		6,925
Total,		<hr/> \$405,732.

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State Tax,.....	\$1,170.00
County Tax,.....	1,296.00
School Tax,.....	1,170.00
Special School Tax in Town District,	200.00
Library Tax,.....	25.00
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Total,.....	\$3,861.00

VALUATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Town District,	\$182,382
Union District,	223,350
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Total,	\$405,732

Taxes are assessed at the rate of 94c. on \$100 valuation.

Special School Tax in Town District 11c. on \$100 added.

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

	Dr.
To cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$3,063.21
Of Geo. E. Maxon, Pool Table License,	10.00
Of Fred Fitzgerald, Pool Table License,	5.00
Of Charles E. Dalby, Pool Table License,	5.00
State Insurance Tax,	11.25
Railroad Tax,	449.51
Savings Bank Tax,	1,362.99
Literary Fund,	89.60
Of C. B. Abbott, bal. due on Tax book, 1895, ..	132.66
Of C. B. Abbott, interest on tax book, 1895, ..	4.28
Taxes committed to Geo. F. Rand, Collector, ..	4,040.74
Town Clerk, H. P. Morse, Dog Licenses,	192.30
County Treasurer, Support of Dependent	
Soldiers and Families, A. P. Howe,	175.98
Mrs. Belinda Hoyt,	127.35
Support of County Poor,	171.20
Lots sold in Pleasant Hill Cemetery,	59.00
Lots sold in Union Cemetery,	9.00
Peddlers' License,	2.00
Fred M. Cressy, Road Agent,	361.23
Geo. A. Hemphill, use of Town Hall,	25.20
Interest collected on Taxes, 1896,	11.28
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	\$10,308.78

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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A. P. Howe & Son, printing Reports,	\$ 35.00
B. & M. R. R., freight on lumber,	6.60
J. K. Lund, insurance on Town House,	13.00
C. H. Marshall, stove and repairs,	10.40
Silsby & Sons, Inventory and Collector's book,	2.15
Mrs. Geo. W. Eaton, board of Selectmen,	13.00
Leonard Stewart, damage on wagon,	2.50
E. C. Messer, recording deed, .....	.62
Geo. L. Mitchell, freight on chairs,	3.60
Mrs. Geo. W. Eaton, meals furnished Elec- tion officers,	7.75
C. F. Wellman, iron pipe and labor,	2.34
Scott S. Hall, two iron plates, .....	.50
Solon A. Carter, State Tax,	1,170.00
J. C. Bailey, use of watering-trough,	3.00
Merrimack Co., aid rendered Homer Tuttle, 1894,	22.00
Sabria A. Cheney, use of watering-trough,	2.00
L. H. True, care watering-trough at Center,	3.00
Warren Abbott, County Tax,	1,296.89
Josselyn & Read, 100 chairs,	42.00
Rand & Cheney, wood for Tramp House,	1.84
Rand & Cheney, posts and guide-board,	2.12
C. J. Jordan, reporting births and deaths,	2.25
Geo. L. Ward, support of watering-trough from Jan. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1897,	4.00
Geo. E. Maxon, 35 meals and lodging for tramps,	6.30
Geo. E. Maxon, stove pipe for Tramp House, .....	.35
E. C. Messer, two trips to Concord and one to Manchester,	6.72
E. C. Messer, money paid out,	2.88
Byron A. Cressy, cash paid out,	2.95
Byron A. Cressy, guide-posts and setting,	1.90
O. D. Cram, putting up guide-boards, .....	.75
Geo. F. Rand, stationery and stamps,	8.00

E. C. Messer, making and painting guide-boards,	\$5.00
W. H. Abbott, reporting births and deaths.	1.50
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	\$2,681.99

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

E. G. Benton, 4 days work on Town Hall floor,	\$ 6.00
E. C. Messer, labor on Town Hall floor,	11.60
Geo. A. Hemphill, " " " " " "	12.75
G. F. Cressy, " " " " " "	11.60
Head & Dowst, 3,000 ft. flooring, for hall,	99.00
H. P. Morse, labor on Town Hall floor,	12.00
James J. Walker, mason work on Town Hall,	3.00
Silas Colby, lime and hair, .....	.75
F. H. Messer, 103 lbs. nails,	4.14
O. D. Cram, labor and money paid out,	3.25
Cummings & Jewett, work and border,	41.12
Choate & Marshall, paint and oil,	16.77
Rand & Cheney, lumber,	6.61
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	\$228.59

EXPENSE OF PUTTING IN WATER AT MILL VILLAGE.

C. H. Marshall, lead pipe and laying same,	\$39.53
Josiah Melvin, labor and money paid out,	9.27
C. E. Walling, work on trench,	6.00
E. J. Keyser, work on trench,	7.50
Ned H. Smith, labor on well and trench,	9.00
J. C. Bailey, watering-trough, and boxing the same,	7.30
Choate & Marshall, powder and fuse,93
Rand & Cheney, lumber,	3.23
Byron A. Cressy, labor,	2.25
On Hall, House lot,	50.00
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	\$135.01

DAMAGE DONE SHEEP BY DOGS.

Ethan Piper,	\$ 2.00
Alden W. Rowe, 1894,	15.00
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	\$17.00

AID RENDED RD DEPENDENT SOLDIERS & FAMILIES.

Paid Dr. C. J. Jordan, medical attendance to	
A. P. Howe,	\$88.80
Oi Hall, coal furnished,	9.30
" " house rent,	25.50
J. C. Bailey, casket and box,	12.00
Frank Peaslee, milk furnished,	19.37
F. H. Messer, wood,	2.50
Frank H. Howe, house rent,	3.00
D. G. Peaslee, wood,	15.51
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	\$175.98

AID RENDERED MRS. BELINDA HOYT.

Paid W. H. Abbott, medical attendance,	\$127.35
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COUNTY POOR.

AID RENDERED JULIA PUTNEY.

Paid F. A. Stillings, M. D.,	\$15.00
W. H. Abbott, M. D.,	84.10
H. O. Russell, digging grave,	3.00
J. C. Bailey, casket, box and robe,	18.50
John E. Baker, driving hearse,	2.00

AID RENDERED MRS. KEYSER'S CHILD.

Paid C. J. Jordan, M. D.,	\$18.75
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AID RENDERED GEO. H. CHASE.

Paid C. J. Jordan, M. D.,	\$8.85
Helen H. W. Felch, care and board,	5.00

AID RENDERED JOHNIE SMART.

Paid J. C. Bailey, casket and box,	\$12.00	
Ezekiel Hadley, moving remains,.....	4.00	
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		\$171.20

EXPENSE OF TOWN POOR.

AID RENDERED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid F. H. Messer, supplies furnished Fred Pur-		
ington,.....		\$32.00

AID RENDERED MRS. FRED SARGENT.

Paid C. J. Jordan, M. D.,.....	\$120.25	
Geo. A. Sargent, board of Fred Sargent's,		
child,	48.00	

AID RENDERED D. F. BAGLEY.

Paid Flora E. Bean, work,.....	\$5.00	
J. H. Trow, beef,.....	3.84	
W. H. Abbott, M. D.,.....	81.80	
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		\$290.89

SCHOOL OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid A. S. Cressy, services Treasurer Town Dis't,	\$8.00	
B. A. Cressy, services as Clerk, Town District,	2.00	
Henry McCoy, services on School Board.....	28.50	
Parker B. Craig, " " " "	20.28	
Hollis L. Blood, " " " "	15.00	
Mrs. G. A. C. Butman, services as Truant	.	
Officer,	1.50	
G. F. Cressy, Truant Officer,.....	5.00	
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		\$80.28

EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Paid C. E. Hadley, for Special District,.....	\$250.00
John E. French, " " 	778.39
A. S. Cressy, Town " 	816.65
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	\$1,845.04

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS IN TOWN DISTRICT.

Paid A. S. Cressy,	\$100.00
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EXPENSE OF FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Paid M. H. Huntoon, School Supplies in 1895,.....	\$12.55
Parker B. Craig, " " 	86.53
Mrs. G. A. C. Butman, " " 	65.35
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	\$164.43

EXPENSE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Martin H. Huntoon, Trustee,	\$75.00
For Services of Mrs. Frank Peaslee,	50.00
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	\$125.00

EXPENSE OF CEMETERIES.

Paid Uriah Colby, clearing up Cemetery at East part of Town,.....	\$10.00
Ira K. Eaton, labor on Pleasant Hill Ceme- tery fence,.....	.75
O. D. Cram, labor and posts on Pleasant Hill Cemetery fence,.....	3.00
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	\$13.75

ROAD AGENT.

Paid Fred M. Cressy, April,.....	\$500.00
" " May,.....	500.00
" " June,.....	300.00
" " June,.....	100.00
" " July,	200.00
" " Oct.,.....	200.00

Paid Fred M. Cressy, Nov.,	86.69	
" " Feb.,	113.31	
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		\$2,000.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Albert E. Choate, services as Auditor,	\$1.50	
H. P. Morse, " "	1.50	
A. S. Cressy, " Supervisor,	8.00	
Geo. B. Andrews, " "	8.00	
Geo. T. Dunfield, " "	8.00	
J. Albert Peaslee, " Moderator,	3.50	
" " " Supervisor,	8.00	
" " " Moderator,	5.00	
Geo. T. Dunfield, " Supervisor,	8.00	
A. S. Cressy, " "	8.00	
H. P. Morse, " Town Clerk,	40.00	
Edward C. Messer, " Selectman,	75.00	
Byron A. Cressy, " "	50.00	
Orlen D. Cram, " "	40.00	
Geo. F. Rand, " Tax Collector,	50.00	
Everett Kittredge, " Treasurer,	40.00	
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		\$354.50

ABATEMENTS, DISCOUNTS & UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Abatements on Geo. F. Rand's book,	\$3.15	
Discounts " " "	44.48	
Uncollected Taxes, " " "	26.90	
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		\$74.53

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmen,	DR.	
To Total Receipts,		\$10,308.78

Selectmen,	CR.	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	\$2,681.99	
Damage done sheep by dogs,	17.00	
Expense of Cemeteries,	13.75	
Cost of water at Mill Village,	135.01	

Expense on Town House,.....	\$ 228.59
“ of Schools,	1,845.04
“ “ Officers’ bills,.....	80.28
“ Free text books,.....	164.43
“ County poor,.....	474.53
“ Town poor,.....	290.89
“ Library,	125.00
“ Repairs on School House,.....	100.00
“ Town Officers’ bills,.....	354.50
“ Road Agent,.....	2,000.00
Abatements, discounts, and uncollected taxes,	74.53
Cash on hand,.....	1,723.24
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	\$10,308.78

ASSETS.

Due on John Barne’s note,.....	\$141.01
Due on tax book of 1896,.....	26.90
Cash on hand,	1,723.24
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	\$1,891.15

LIABILITIES.

Due School District, literary fund,.....	\$89.60
School District, balance of dog licenses,.....	175.30
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	\$ 264.90
Excess of Assets,.....	1,626.25

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. MESSER,	} Selectmen of Bradford.
BYRON A. CRESSY,	
ORLEN D. CRAM.	

AUDITORS’ REPORT.

The Auditors have examined the Accounts of your Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agent, School Board, Trustees of Free Library and Janitor of Town Hall, and found them correct and neatly kept, and a balance in the hand of your Town Treasurer of \$1,723.24.

A. E. CHOATE,	} Auditors.
JOHN E. FRENCH.	

RESIDENT TAX PAYERS

Assessed in the town of Bradford for the year 1896.

NAME.	State County and Town School Tax.	Special School tax.	NAME.	State, County and Town School Tax.	Special School tax.
Abbott, Charles B.,	\$.94		Butman, Lucy A., Mrs.	\$ 10 34	1 22
Abbott, Benjamin, F.,	10 13	.05	Butman Cheney Co ,	7 05	83
Abbott, Walter H., Dr.,	12 93		Burke, Mary E., Mrs.	2 82	
Ayer, Lafayette,	19 36		Burnham, Hannah, Mrs.	1 73	20
Abbott, George A.,	.94		Blood, A. B., Mrs.	9 01	
Andrews, George B.,	2 98	.35	Blanchard, George H.	11 52	
Andrews, Alice H., Mrs.	3 76	.44	Butman, Lyman B.	28 63	97
Austin, George C	1 22	14			
Adams, Will	94	11	Cummings, Thomas	94	
			Clement, Archie W	1 03	
Bagley, Hannah, Estate,	9 87	1 17	Choate & Marshall,	33 28	
Bartlett, Mabel M., Mrs.	1 88		Cram, Orlin D.	17 63	2 08
Bagley, Warren T.	3 99	47	Choate, Frank E.	10 81	
Brown, Charles H.	21 15	2 50	Cheney, Herbert M.	94	11
Brown, Albert	11 26	1 33	Craig, Charles P.	94	11
Brown, Albert F.	.94	11	Carr, Wm. A.	23 74	
Blood, Hollis L.	36 49	4 19	Carr, Wm M	57 36	
Bailey, Jacob C.	15 75		Carr, Frank T.	10 34	
Baker, John E.	32 47		Carr, F. T., Daniel Estate,	15 04	
Bates, Samuel	1 54		Carter, Frederick	3 76	44
Bates, Moses C.	14 40	4	Cheney, George H.	14 34	
Bates, Byron N.	16 30		Cheney, Austin H.	94	
Bates & Jones,	2 82		Cheney, Jacob F.	1 67	20
Bly, Willis N.	17 43		Cheney, Frank R.	94	
Bly, Moses	18 97		Cheney, Sabria A., Mrs.	8 93	1 05
Blaisdell, James H.	27 28	11	Cheney, Charles H.	94	
Bailey, Willis N.	94		Cilley, George A.	30 23	
Baker, Lavinia, Mrs.	4 00	47	Choate, Albert E	14 10	
Bagley, David F.	1 54	18	Choate, Wm. G.	1 41	
Bagley, David D.	94		Choate, Oria, Mrs.	4 00	
Barnes, Levi W.	3 14	37	Chellis, Artemas	17	
Barnes, John L.	3 53	42	Chase, Jonathan D.	9 04	1 07
Benton, Elbridge G.	5 73		Chase, George H.	94	11
Bean, Curtis B.	5 83	69	Chase, Plummer D.	94	11
Blanchard, Marcus	94	11	Clark, Mary L., Mrs.	5 17	
Brackett, Susan, Mrs.	11 28		Clark, George E.	12 69	
Bumford, Mary E., Mrs.	3 10	37	Cofrin, Page W	19 61	1 18

NAME.	State County, and School Tax.	Special School Tax.	NAME.	State County, and School Tax.	Special School Tax.
Cofrin, Page	11 28	1 33	Davis, Henry G.	47	6
Cofrin, George W.	10 86		Davis, S. D. & W. F.	1 88	22
Colby, Prescott	15 75	1 86	Dunfield, George T.	13 63	1 60
Colby, Abraham P.	12 52	1 48	Dowling, Presson C.	94	11
Colby, Stephen A.	4 42	52	Douglas, Thomas	17 95	2 12
Colby, Uriah	3 82	45	Dowling, Melinda	15	2
Colby, Fred A.	94	11	Dill, Ansyl S.	8 29	
Colby, John M.	1 03	12	Dame, John L.	94	
Colby, Mary E., Mrs.	4 23	50	Dillingham, Erlon V.	7 75	
Colby Emily, Mrs.	5 64		Day, David H.	2 91	
Colby, Lydia, Mrs.	1 65		Dalby, Charles E.	94	
Colby, Abel M.	4 94	58			
Colby, Silas	43 39		Eaton, Joshua	30 42	4 59
“ “ in trust,	12 22	1 44	Eaton, J. Willis	11 49	1 36
Collins, John H.	13 25		Eaton, George W.	2 07	11
Couch, William O.	5 79	68	Eaton, Leland L.	1 60	
Cornigan, Hugh M.	20 12		Eaton, Charles P.	29 24	3 45
Craig, Hugh M.	24 16	2 85	Eaton, Ira K.	7 05	
Craig, Parker B.	6 49	77	Eaton, Marshall	8 46	
Craig, H. M. & P. B.	1 65	19	Eaton, Eliza J.	4 94	58
Craig, Walter H.	94	11	Eaton, George W.	13 20	1 56
Cressy, Byron A.	23 14	2 73	Edgerton, Wm. W.	94	11
Cressy, Addison S.	29 61	3 50	Eaton, Alice & Floretta	4 23	
Cressy, John W.	94	11			
Cressy, George F.	3 25	19	Fitzgerald, Fred L.	94	
Cressy, Milner A.	94	11	Felch, Helen H. W.	13 60	
Cressy, Hattie A.	9 24	1 09	Fisk, C. M., Mrs.	16 92	
Cressy, Greeley M.	20 34	2 40	Forsaith, Nelson R.	14 38	1 70
Cressy, Geo. W. W.	94	11	Forsaith, Edward J.	1 73	
Cressy, G. W. W. & M. D.	4 70	56	Fortune, Frank	12 14	1 43
Cressy, Fred M.	3 46	11	Fortune, John	94	11
Cummings, R. W.	18 07		Fowler, Clinton D.	39	5
“ “ in keep.	38		Fowler, Henry A.	1 28	15
Colby, Herbert O.	94	11	Flanders, W. E.	5 40	64
			Flanders, Charles B.	94	11
Davis, Samuel D.	9 93	86	French & Osgood,	2 35	
Davis, Charles F.	14 42	1 70	French, John E.	29 52	
Davis, Frances F.	23	3	French, John E., Guardian		
Davis, Martin A.	1 28	15	for Mrs. O. Ring,	5 64	
Davis, Benjamin F.	15 04	1 78	French, John E., Colby		
Davis, Walter F.	3 68	44	Estate,	18 80	
Davis, Emily E.	6 58	78	Fellows, Charles H.	1 04	11

NAME.	State, County, and School Tax.	Special School Tax.	NAME.	State County, and School Tax.	Special School Tax.
Gillingham, Freeman			Hemphill, George A.	\$ 4 94	
H., Dowling estate	4 70	55	Heath, William O.	14 72	1 74
Gillingham, F. H.	36 90	4 36	Howlett, Fred O.	10 44	1 23
Gillingham, Geo. O.	21 07	2 49	Huntoon, Martin H.	94	
Gillis, Charles	31 45		Hoyt, Delmon C., in		
Griffin, Frank L.	2 73		keeping,	56	7
Gregg, Mary, estate,	2 12		Hemphill, Frank E.	94	
Gould, Elizabeth	16 92		Hurd, E. W.	94	11
Goodwin, Amos, Est.,	4 79		Hewett, Austin W.	2 82	33
George, William H.	94	11	Hall, Sarah E., Mrs.	17 91	
Gillingham, Hiram	38		Ingalls, George H.	6 26	74
Hadley, Ezekiel H.	13		Jameson, Sharon	9 40	1 11
Hadley, Saphronia,	11 28		Jameson, Rosella, Mrs.	38	4
Hadley, Emily G.	6 58		Jameson, Leonard P.	6 09	
Hadley, Cyrus E.	41 18		Jameson, Adoniram J.	3 38	40
Hadley, Charles H.	6 43		Jordan, Chester J.	19 74	
Hall, Oi	31 02		Johnson, Alvin	11 28	
Hall, Mira, Mrs.,	1 88		Johnson & Martin,	94	
Hall, John A.	6 29		Jones & Marshall,	47	
Hall, Samuel S.	2 63		Jones, Thomas A. J.	7 52	
Hall, Jerry S.	9 57		Jones, Fred M.	94	
Hall, Mary, Mrs.,	10 01		Johnson, Leonard W.	94	11
Hartshorn, Amanda	14 10		Keyser, James F.	1 41	
Hartshorn, David H.,			Keyser, Elroy J.	1 69	
Heirs,	94	11	Keyser, Charles H.	10 34	1 22
Hastings, Andrew J.	10 34		Keyser, Walter F.	94	
Harris, James J.	94		Keyes, Will E.	94	
Haskell, Carl P.	94		Kittridge, Everett	36 28	
Harvey, Richard E.	17 28	2 04	Knight & Melvin,	24 78	2 93
Hale, Horace E.	3 29	39	Knight, Adalaide	8 46	99
Harriman, Almira	8 70	1 02	Knight, Harry, estate,	81 05	28
Holmes, Mason T.	11 75		Larkin, Herbert W.	10 51	1 24
Holmes, Susanna B.	31 26	3 69	Law, Joseph H.	2 52	
Hoyt, William G.	17 12	2 02	Leach, Lizzie, Mrs.	7 99	94
Hoyt, Delmon C.	14 86	1 75	Lewis, Evans H.	94	
Hoyt, James N.	6 82	81	Locke, Arthur	1 22	
Hoyt, Raymond	4 08	48	Lovering, Daniel	94	11
Hoyt, Hiram	1 32	16	Lud, Joseph K.	9 87	
Hoyt, Elbridge G.	5 36	63	Leavitt, Carl S.	94	11
Hoyt, John	8 18	97			
Hoyt, Warren A.	94	11			
Howe, Frank H.	5 64				

NAME.	State County and school tax.	Special School tax.	NAME.	State, County and School tax.	Special School tax.
Martin, Frank L.	\$ 24 70		Newman, Charles E.	\$ 94	
Martin, Horace K.	35 39		Nichols, Jefferson D.	3 29	39
Martin & Robertson,	8 31		Nichols, William A.	94	11
Marshall, Charles H.	32 76	56	Nichols, Edwin	11 21	1 32
Marshall, Daniel R.	36 04		Nichols, John O.	14 59	1 72
Marshall, J. P., estate,	8 67		Nichols, Bertram H.	94	11
Matthews, Frank W.	94		Nichols, Albert S.	94	11
Maxon, George E.	3 29		Osgood, Charles B.	6 58	
Maxon, John H.	7 52		Osgood, George B.	94	
Melvin, Chrales H.	94	11	Parmenter, Frank	94	
Melvin, Josiah	12 47		Parmenter & Cram,	11 28	
Merrill, Jonathan	6 58		Patch, Frank H.	9 40	
Messer, Frederick A.	4 21	50	Patch, George J.	94	
Messer, F. A., in keeping,	56	7	Peaslee, John A.	37 44	3 39
Messer, Edward C.	10 14	1 20	Peaslee, Oliver	15 55	1 84
Melvin, Frank O.	4 94	58	Peaslee, Daniel G.	33 88	4 00
Messer, Frank H.	41 83		Peaslee, Jefferson G.	22 65	
McDonnell Mary	8 46	1 00	Peaslee, Frank	13 16	
McDonnell, James H.	3 12	37	Peaslee, Fred	12 48	
McCoy, Henry	36 66	4 33	Peaslee, Mittie B.	3 95	47
Mitchell, Edwin D.	2 07	24	Perkins, Charles D. S.	6 58	
Mitchell, Annie, Miss,	4 70	56	Perkins, Elizab, Mrs.	1 88	22
Mitchell, Gorge L.	94		Perkins, George E.	8 46	
Miller, Wm. H.	7 52		Perkins, Sarah E.	6 35	
Moon, W. S., Mrs.	41 64	4 92	Piper, Trueworthy	7 35	87
Moore, Arthur F.	7 05	83	Piper, Justin L.	20 89	2 47
Morse, Sarah, Miss,	6 35		Piper, Ethan	94	11
Morse, D. Moody	37 40	39	Presby, Stephen R.	14 59	1 72
Morse, Harlan P.	1 22		Putney, John M.	94	11
Morse, Charles H.	15 70		Purington, Frederick	3 01	36
Morse, John W.	1 64	19	Presby, John M.	9 40	
Morse, Hannah, Mrs.,	7 13	84	Presby, James H.	94	11
Morse, David M	23 74	39	Page, Rufus	62	
Morse, Alvira, Mrs.	79	9	Rand & Cheney,	73 04	19
Morse, Lucy A., estate,	9 40		Rand, George	9 40	
Morrill, Frank L.	8 46		Rand, George F.	94	
Morgan, George S.	11 24		Ring, Mary I.	45	5
Muzzey, Jesse C.	10 34		Ring, Edmund P.	9 93	1 17
Marshall, Harry W.	6 58		Richards, Paschal B.	3 53	42
Mitchell, Sumner T.	4 89	58	Richards, Paschal B.	34	4
Newman, Charles M.	11 72				

NAME.	State County and school tax.	Special School tax.	NAME.	State County and School tax.	Special School tax.
Rowe, Alden W.	13 53	1 60	Taylor, James T.	1 80	21
Rowe, Almira, Mrs	3 76	44	Trow, Charles A.	2 16	26
Rowe, Willis J.	94	11	Trow, Alberton N.	2 07	24
Russell, Harry O.	7 35	87	Trow, William	38	4
Russell, John E.	94		Trow, C. A. & A. N.	29 46	3 48
Ring, Obediah, Heirs,	8 46		Trow, Joseph H.	10 90	
Rowe, Eliza, Mrs.	15 04	1 78	True, Lorenzo H.	7 20	85
			Tucker, George W.	41 60	
Sargent, Ira H.	1 97		Tucker & French,	16 69	1 14
Sargent, Harriet	13 16		Tuttle, Homer R.	1 50	18
Sargent, Mary A.	4 70		Tuttle, Harriet B., Mrs.	15	2
Sargent, Charles O.	1 69		Tuttle, Hartwell	94	11
Sargent, George H.	4 00		Vosburg, Loomis W.	1 07	12
Sargent, George A.	2 91	34			
Sargent, Ella D., Mrs.	75	9	Ward, J. Warren	18 24	2 15
Sargent, George C.	56		Ward, Lucy J., Mrs.	4 70	56
Sargent, Abbie A.	1 07	13	Ward, Aseutha, Mrs.	7 05	83
Sargent, Fred W.	1 88	22	Ward, Howard V.	1 09	13
Sargent, Albert	3 29	39	Ward, George L.	11 50	1 36
Sawtell, Silas	10 13		Ward, Samuel P.	94	11
Sawtell, John W.	94		Ward, Clarence W.	1 60	19
Sanborn, Joseph W.	94	11	Walling, Charles E.	94	
Sawyer, George M.	10 57	1 25	Wells, Frank L.	2 82	33
Sawyer, Daniel U.	94	11	Wells, Charles E.	94	11
Sawyer, Alice J.	4 04	48	West, Jerry	10 90	1 29
Sawyer, Melinda, Miss,	5 15	61	West, Daniel F.	13 35	1 58
Seavey, Andrew	18 42	28	West, Fred F.	3 79	45
Smith, Ned H.	94		West, Charles K.	94	11
Smith, Francis, Mrs.	5 64		West, Polly U.	4 23	50
Smith, Edgar W.	8 46		Wellman, Charles F.	2 07	
Smith, A. French	15 71	1 85	Wellman, Della G.	13 16	
Steele, George H.	11 69		Wadleigh, Benjamin,		
Stevens, Sullivan G.	16 92	2 00	Estate,	11 06	19
Stevens, Arthur D.	3 29	39	Wilson, Melvina, Mrs.,	47	6
St. Peter's Lodge,	1 65		Wiggin, Ira F.	2 14	25
Staniels, Janette, Mrs.	2 82	33	Wiggin, Charles S.	94	11
Swett, Enoch L.	3 29		Wiggin, Benjamin F.	13 40	92
Shattuck, Albert E.	4 69	55	Wiggin, Addie, Mrs.	2 12	25
			Wheeler, Lizzie A. Mrs.	20 68	
Tappan, Ellen M., Mrs.	2 82		Whitcomb, Almira Mrs.	4 04	48
Tappan, Imogene, Mrs.	2 35		Whiting, D., & Sons,	4 70	
Tappan, Frank M.	94		Wright, Eben U.	14 90	

NAME.	State, County, and Town School Tax.	Special School Tax.	NAME.	State, County, and Town School Tax.	Special School Tax.
Wright, George J.	\$ 15 98		Wyman, Charles B.	\$ 94	
Wright, George B.	94		Wyman, Herbert	94	
Withington, Frank	17 20	6	Wyman, Fred H.	94	11
Woodbury, Albert	7 99		Wyman, Will	94	11
Woodbury, Harvey M.	94	11	Walker, Hammond	2 18	26
Woodbury, Charles, Estate.	2 82	33	Walker, George	66	8
Woods, John A.	4 04		Young, Thomas A.	4 08	48
Woods, Lucius B.	8 70				

NON-RESIDENT TAX PAYERS.

Assessed in the town of Bradford for the year 1896.

Andrews, John H.	\$ 3 53	42	Ewins, John H.	\$ 4 70	56
Bass, David	3 29	39	Farnham, Charles H.	9 40	1 11
Bagley, George W.	1 88	22	Farrar, A. P.	1 41	17
Briley, Enos	56	7	Farrar, Stephen, Heirs,	1 41	17
Brown, Henry	5 64	66	Flanders, Parker	1 88	22
Brown, Henry	6 58	78	Fletcher, Francis	94	11
Blockway, George	3 25	39	Fogg & Rowell,	1 88	22
Blodgett, Edwin A.	94	11	Gay, Newton, estate,	3 29	39
Chadwick, Louisa Mrs.	11 28		Gage, Geo. N., Dr.	47	6
Crosby, J. Frank	3 76	44	Grimes, John	6 58	78
Chellis, Burt	11 75		Goodell, Thos., estate,	1 13	13
Cutting, Frank S	2 82	33	Gilmore, Onslow	71	8
Campbell, William	3 76	44	Gould, William	2 54	30
Carr, George W.	6 58	78	Gerry, Elizabeth S.	2 44	29
Carr, Geo. Willie	94	11	Hadley, Mark M.	3 76	44
Chase, Charles H.	6 53	77	Highland, George B.	1 88	22
Colby, Timothy	47	37	Howe, Joel M.	94	11
Colby, Ernest	3 16	33	Hawks, W. R.	6 58	78
Colby, Madison	2 82	28	Ingalls, Solomon, Heirs,	3 76	41
Cogswell, Edward N.	2 35	22	Jameson, Hannah M.	60	7
Davis, John S, estate,	1 88	11	Jones, James H.	11 28	1 33
Davis, Martha J., Mrs.,	2 35	33	Jones, George, estate,	1 88	22
Davis, William H.	94				
Darling, H. M.	2 88				

NAME.	State, County, and Town School Tax.	Special School Tax.	NAME.	State, County, and Town School Tax.	Special School Tax.
Kimball, Edward	\$ 2 35		Preston Bros.,	\$ 71	8
Kimball, Moses, Heirs,	1 98	23	Proctor, Willis D.	4 70	56
Little, Henry V.	2 82	17	Rice, George & Son,	9 78	1 15
			Robertson, John E.	18 80	
Marshall, Jessie	3 29	39	Straw, John S.	2 59	31
Messer, Curtis	56	7	Spaulding, Ira	94	11
Melvin, Sallie	1 09	13	Spaulding & Peaslee,	2 20	26
Melvin, W. T., Mrs.	3 76	44	Smith, Franklin, Heirs,	1 82	16
Messer, Bert	1 41				
McAlvin, John	1 18	14	Tandy, Silas	47	6
			Tuttle, Alonzo	3 29	39
Nichols, George H.	94	11	Trochslor, Sadie, Mrs.	4 23	
Patch, George	1 41	17			
Page, Louisa S.	4 23	50	Wheeler, Ruel F.	94	11
Pike, Chas. P., estate,	5 88	69	Whittemore, Achsah	15 98	
Presby, Henry F.	3 29	39	Wellman, Nelson	94	11

TAXES UNPAID.

Dowling, Presson C.	94	11	ABATEMENTS OF 1895.		
Dowling, Jackson, Estate,	4 70	55	Chase, George H.	1 32	
			Perkins, Harvey	87	
Eaton, Eliza J.	4 94	58	Russell, John E.	1 32	
			Wells, Charles E.	1 32	
George, William H.	94	11	White, George O.	1 32	
Hoyt, Warren A.	94	11	ABATEMENTS OF 1896.		
Howe, Frank H.	5 64	29	Chase, George H.	94	11
Hurd, E. W.	94	11	Egleston, William	94	11
Shattuck, Albert E.	4 69	55	Nichols, William A.	94	11
Wells, Charles E.	94	11			

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash of Wm. M. Carr,.....	\$3,063.21
Of C. B. Abbott, Taxes 1895,	136.94
Of Geo. F. Rand, Taxes 1896,.....	3,966.21
Of Geo. F. Rand, Interest.....	11.28
License on Dogs	192.30
License on Pool Tables,.....	20.00
Lots in Cemetery sold,.....	68.00
Savings Bank Tax,.....	1,362.99
Railroad Tax,.....	449.51
Insurance Tax,.....	11.25
Literary Fund,.....	89.60
Support of County Paupers and Dependant Soldiers,	474.53
Peddlers' License,.....	2.00
Balance from Road Agent,.....	361.23
Use of Town Hall,.....	25.20
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	\$10,234.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Selectmen's Orders,.....	\$8,511.01
Cash on Hand,.....	1,723.24
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	\$10,234.25

EVERETT KITTREDGE, Treasurer.

Report of Fred M. Cressy,

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Expenditures on Roads and Bridges.

From Feb. 15th, 1896, to Feb. 15th, 1897.

1896.

Apr.	1, S. G. Stevens, breaking,	\$ 6.09
	2, W. G. Choate, breaking, and washout,	9.60
	3, R. W. Cummings, breaking,	1.35
	4, E. P. Ring, breaking,	10.28
	4, A. E. Shattuck, "	18.30
	4, C. S. Wiggin, cutting out ice,	1.87
	4, D. C. Hoyt, breaking,	13.95
	8, Justin L. Piper, "	9.52
	10, W. G. Hoyt, "	8.69
	10, Fred Howlet, "	4.44
	10, F. O. Melvin, "	5.00
	10, C. H. Morse, " and snowing bridge, ..	2.82
	11, Fred W. Sargent, breaking,	5.40
	13, L. W. Johnson, "	3.52
	13, Frank Withinton, "	13.58
	13, C. A. & A. N. Trow, "	31.35
	15, I. F. Wiggin, "	5.18
	15, A. P. Colby, "	3.45
	15, F. H. Gillingham, "	6.61
	16, P. B. Craig, "	9.45
	17, D. Moody Morse, "	6.61
	18, Henry McCoy, "	7.30
	20, Byron Cressy, "	3.53
	22, J. H. Blaisdell, snowing bridge,	2.77
	25, Oi Hall, breaking & plowing out sidewalks, ..	9.00
	27, Thomas Douglas, breaking,	6.00
	29, C. Gillis, cutting out ice & turning water, ..	2.00
	29, G. E. Clark, breaking & running roller, ..	24.00

Apr. 30, W. S. Moon, breaking,	\$ 7.45
30, Roger Presby, "	11.59
30, J. E. French, labor from Feb. 15, to Apr. 1,	28.50
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	\$279.20

This amount was expended between the 15th of Feb. and the first of April, 1896.

Apr. 17, Frederick Purington, shoveling snow, ..	\$.40
24, D. C. Hoyt, cutting out drifts,	4.65
29, Arthur Moore, bridge plank,	4.97
29, Fred M. Cressy, labor,	11.60
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	\$21.62

May 1, H. E. Rowell, for two yoke of oxen,	\$305.00
2, Silas Colby, tie chains,50
2, C. L. Wiggin, labor,	1.95
2, W. G. Choate, labor,	17.25
2, C. A. & A. N. Trow, cutting out drifts, ..	8.10
2, John E. French, labor,	2.82
2, Fred M. Cressy, labor of man and team, ..	4.65
4, E. C. Messer, labor, .....	.30
4, O. D. Cram, labor, .....	.30
12, A. S. Cressy, keeping team,	1.50
16, Raymond Hoyt, labor,	1.50
16, C. P. Eaton, keeping team,	1.50
19, Silas Colby, iron rake, .....	.30
20, J. F. Cheney, keeping team,	1.50
21, A. S. Cressy, hay,	22.42
21, I. F. Wiggin, labor, .....	.98
26, B. N. Bates, yoke timber, .....	.20
28, Charles West, labor,	4.50
28, Sabria A. Cheney, board of team,	4.50
28, Albert L. Jordan, labor,	1.65
28, D. C. Hoyt, bridge plank,	15.61
30, W. G. Choate, labor and care of oxen, ..	43.62
30, Ira H. Sargent, labor,	36.25
30, Charles Wiggin, labor,	28.50

30, Ned A. Smith, labor	30.00
30, Allen Abbott, "	29.25
30, Walter Cheney, "	27.00
30, Curtis B. Bean, "	30.00
30, Henry Tatros, "	28.50
30, Fred M. Cressy, " of horses,	33.00
30, Fred M. Cressy, "	36.00
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\$719.15	

June 3, Fred W. Sargent, labor,	\$1.50
3, J. F. Cheney, keeping oxen,	1.50
3, E. G. Hoyt, labor,	1.50
8, John Woods, "	1.10
9, Henry Tatros, "	9.00
11, R. E. Harvey, keeping oxen,	2.00
11, J. Albert Peaslee, " "	1.00
11, A. E. Choate, grain,	10.66
18, G. A. Abbott, labor,	12.00
18, J. D. Chase, "	4.50
18, Frederick Purington, labor,	1.46
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July 2, Fred M. Cressy, labor,	\$41.00
2, Charles S. Wiggin, "	21.00
3, Walter Cheney, "	23.25
4, Ira H. Sargent, "	34.50
4, Choate & Marshall, tools,	4.37
4, C. B. Bean, labor,	27.00
4, Everett Kittredge, "	3.75
4, Will Rowe, "	16.50
6, W. G. Choate, care of oxen and labor,	41.00
6, J. M. Pressy, grain,	4.00
6, Silas Colby, nails,	.20
6, Fred M. Cressy, labor of team,	26.00
6, Alma Bean, hay,	15.78
6, George A. Sargent, labor,	1.00
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\$259.35	

Aug.	1, Will Rowe, labor,	3.75
	1, Fred M. Cressy, " for man and team, ...	2.75
	1, Fred M. Cressy, "	4.75
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		\$11.25
Sept.	9, Charles H. Morse, making yoke & timber,	\$4.50
	9, J. W. Ward, labor,	2.03
	18, G. W. Tucker, bridge plank,	26.40
	19, C. H. Marshall, drain pipe,	43.00
	30, C. S. Wiggin, labor,	3.00
	30, W. G. Choate, " in Aug. & Sept.,	26.81
	30, Ned H. Smith, "	4.50
	30, Henry Brown, bridge stringers,	3.90
	30, Fred M. Cressy, labor,	20.90
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		\$134.14
Oct.	5, D. G. Peaslee, bridge plank,	\$14.55
	7, H. Corrigan, blacksmithing,	25.32
	7, Henry Davis, hay,	5.89
	20, Silas Colby, cement, .....	.92
	31, Ira H. Sargent, work in Sept. and Oct., ...	23.25
	31, J. D. Chase, hay,	8.55
	31, C. P. Eaton, keeping team,	1.50
	31, C. B. Bean, labor,	3.00
	31, W. G. Choate, "	27.62
	31, Fred M. Cressy, "	21.00
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		\$131.60
Nov.	4, J. D. Chase, hay,	\$10.09
	16, S. T. Mitchell, labor,	2.00
	30, Choate & Marshall,	2.74
	30, J. M. Pressy, grain,	14.45
	30, E. Piper, labor, .....	.90
	30, Ned H. Smith, "	3.75
	30, W. G. Choate, " and care of oxen,	20.75

Nov. 30, J. Merrill, hay,.....	\$8.75
30, C. J. Jordan, hay,.....	7.00
30, C. H. Newman, blacksmithing,.....	2.60
30, Fred M. Cressy, labor,	12.00
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1897.

Jan. 5, F. O. Melvin,.....	\$4.30
5, A. P. Colby, labor,.....	2.40
5, D. C. Hoyt, cutting bushes,.....	3.75
18, Henry McCoy, cutting ice & work on road,	5.00
18, C. H. Daigle, labor,.....	5.10
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\$20.55	

Feb. 2, Fred M. Cressy,.....	\$12.00
2, Frederick Purington, shoveling snow,	.70
2, Albert E. Shattuck, breaking,.....	4.57
6, J. C. Bailey, labor,.....	.50
6, D. C. Hoyt, breaking,.....	6.30
6, F. H. Messer, nails,.....	.30
6, Fred M. Cressy, team breaking,.....	3.75
8, Ira F. Wiggin, breaking,.....	2.25
8, Charles Wiggin, labor,.....	1.05
8, Choate & Marshall, nails and lock,.....	.54
8, Ira H. Sargent, labor,.....	1.73
8, C. H. Marshall, wire screener,.....	.75
11, Howard V. Ward, breaking,.....	3.30
13, J. Hadlock, 1 M. M. Edge for r'd machine,	8.50
13, W. E. Flanders, cutting bushes,.....	1.50
13, W. H. Abbott, ox medicine,.....	3.20
13, George H. Cheney, labor,.....	.75
13, E. P. Ring, breaking,.....	5.18
13, C. H. Morse, turning water & snowing br'g,	2.77
13, Justin L. Piper, breaking,.....	3.15
13, S. G. Stevens, breaking,.....	2.25
13, E. D. Mitchell, breaking,.....	6.20

Feb. 13, Daniel F. West, breaking,	\$2.77
13, Raud & Cheney, lumber and brick,	3.09
15, J. W. Cressy, labor, .....	.75
15, W. G. Choate, labor, .....	.75
15, G. L. Ward, stringers,	1.50
15, L. W. Johnson, cutting bushes & breaking,	1.95
15, Oi Hall, plowing out sidewalk,	6.25
15, Samuel D. Davis, labor,	1.95
15, Tucker & French, pasturing oxen,	15.00
15, Scott Hall, blacksmithing,	1.45
15, Charles B. Osgood, repairing machine, .....	.40
15, G. E. Clark, breaking,	5.75
15, F. H. Gillingham, "	1.80
15, F. O. Melvin, "	3.00
15, Joel Gillingham, plow-point,	1.00
15, B. A. Cressy, breaking, .....	.60
15, J. L. Barnes, "	1.50
15, F. O. Howlett, "	2.25
15, J. F. Cheney, "	2.10
15, A. F. Brown, turning water & rep'g road,	3.40
15, Frederick Purington, .....	.67
15, A. P. Colby, breaking,	1.58
15, Fred M. Cressy, services,	7.00
15, M. E. Hale, .....	.60
15, F. M. Cressy, for team in May after oxen,	6.00
15, Page Cofrin,	3.06

 \$147.41

Fred M. Cressy, to the town of Bradford, Dr.

ORDERS ON TREASURER.

Apr. 20, Order on treasurer,	\$500.00
May 4, " "	500.00
June 1, " "	300.00
June 1, " "	100.00
July 6, " "	200.00
Oct. 5, " "	200.00
Nov. 2, " "	86.69

1897.

Feb. 8, Order on Treasurer.....	113.31
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Rec'd of Mrs. Stanley, use oxen one day,.....	\$1.75
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Rec'd of John Davis, two pairs oxen sold,.....	260.00
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Total amount of Receipts,.....	<u>\$2,261.75</u>
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Total amount paid out for roads and oxen,.....	1,855.52
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Loss on oxen,.....	45.00
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	<u>\$1,900.52</u>
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Leaving a balance, paid to Selectmen, of	361.23
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Amount drawn from Treasurer,.....	\$2,000.00
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Amount paid back to Selectmen,.....	361.23
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Total Expense of the year for roads,.....	<u>\$1,638.77</u>
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FRED M. CRESSY, Road Agent.

Town Hall Report.

Town Hall,	Dr.
1896.	
Feb. 21, Paid for 10 gal. ker. oil and 3 chimneys,.....	\$1.50
22, wood,.....	2.00
22, sawing,.....	.75
Mar. 16, wood,.....	2.00
16, sawing,.....	.50
18, 5 gal. oil,.....	.65
20, 5 ".....	.65
Apr. 1, 5 ".....	.65
June 13, 5 ".....	.65
July 4, 5 ".....	.65
28, 5 ".....	.65
Aug. 5, 5 ".....	.65
8, 5 ".....	.65
15, 5 ".....	.65
15, 2 chimneys,.....	.50
18, 2 ".....	.50
19, 5 gal. oil,.....	.65
28, 5 ".....	.65
31, 5 ".....	.65
Sept. 2, 5 ".....	.65
14, 5 ".....	.65
30, 5 ".....	.65
30, 1 chimney,.....	.25
Oct. 22, 5 gal. oil,.....	.65
30, 5 ".....	.65
Nov. 3, 5 ".....	.65
5, sawdust,.....	.75
12, 5 gal. oil,.....	.65
13, wood,.....	1.75
20, sawing,.....	.75

Nov. 26,	Paid for 5 gal. oil,	\$	.65
Dec. 10,	5 "		.60
24,	5 "		.60
Jan. 26,	5 "		.60
Feb. 2,	5 "		.60

\$26.75

Town Hall,		Cr.	
1896.		Piano.	
Feb. 18,	Rec'd for Dance,	\$1.60	\$.50
21,	Entertainment,	1.50	
Mar. 12,	Dance,	1.60	.50
16-17,	Entertainment,	3.00	.50
Apr. 3,	Dance,	1.10	.50
June 13,	"	.50	.50
18,	Entertainment,	.25	.25
July 4,	Dance,	.50	.50
12,	Meeting,	.00	
14,	Lecture,	.50	
18,	Dance,	.50	.50
24,	Graphophone,	1.00	
28,	Entertainment,	.50	
30,	"	.50	
Aug. 1,	Dance,	.50	.50
5,	Entertainment,	4.00	
7,	"	.25	.25
8,	Dance,	.50	.50
14,	Crusaders,	1.50	.50
15,	Dance,	.50	.50
20,	Crusaders,	2.00	
21,	Drama,	.25	
21,	Sociable,	.25	.25
29,	Dance,	.50	.50
29,	Crusaders,		1.50
Sept. 12,	Dance,	.50	.50
30,	"	1.60	

Piano

Oct. 6.	Rec'd for Grange,.....	\$.50	\$.50
8.	Lecture, .....	.25	
22.	Dance,	1.50	.50
23.	Lecture, .....	.25	
27.	Rally,.....	.25	
Nov. 12.	Dance and supper,....	2.00	
26.	" "	2.00	.50
Dec. 10.	Temperance League,.	.25	.25
17.	King's Daughters,.	.50	.25
24.	Christmas Tree,.....	.50	.25
31.	Milk Meeting,.....	.25	
31.	Dance,	2.00	.50
1897.			
Jan. 6.	Milk Meeting, .....	.25	
7.	Temperance League,.	.25	.25
19.	Dance, .....	.55	
26.	Entertainment,.....	.25	.25
Feb. 2.	Dance,	2.50	
4.	Temperance League,.	.25	.25
		\$39.70	\$12.25
For use of Piano,		12.25	
			\$51.95
Disbursements,			\$26.75
Balance in favor of Hall,.....			\$25.20

GEORGE A. HEMPHILL, Janitor.

Bradford Free Library.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in Trustees' hands, Feb. 15, 1896,	\$ 14.71
Rec'd of Town Treasurer, Appropriations,	75.00
" " " Librarian's salary,	50.00
" of J. Albert Peaslee, Exec., legacy from the late Susanna B. Holmes,	100.00
Total,	\$239.71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Joseph K. Lund, Insurance for 3 years,	\$ 6.00
A. P. Howe & Son, printing 300 Lib. cards,	1.50
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., Books, 60 vols.,	47.08
A. P. Howe & Son, printing 350 book labels, .....	.88
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., Books, 39 vols.,	39.01
Geo. L. Mitchell, Freight on books, .....	.56
M. H. Huntoon, labelling books, express, etc.,	1.45
Mrs. Nellie Peaslee, Librarian's salary,	50.00
Total,	\$146.48
In hands of Library Treasurer,	\$ 93.23

M. H. HUNTOON, Treas.

The bequest from Mrs. Holmes, which is now available, was, by her will, made payable to the Trustees, and is to be expended for such books and supplies as they may deem proper to purchase for the Library. It is with grateful feelings that we here make mention of the benevolent donor, and recall to mind her long life of usefulness, and her generous deeds, both public and private. Truly, she was one who lived not for herself alone. Her timely gift to our little library, if rightly expended, will add much to its usefulness; and we trust it will be duly appreciated by our citizens, and gratuitously afford to them an example most worthy of imitation.

The accession to the Library for the past year is 100 volumes.

MARTIN H. HUNTOON,	}	Trustees
LYMAN B. BUTMAN,		of
HARLAN P. MORSE,		Library.

Report of Treasurer Town School District.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,.....	\$ 54.10
School money,	816.65
“ Board Newbury,	33.70
Repairs,	100.00
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Total,	\$1,004.45

EXPENDITURES.

Wages of Teachers,	\$822.30
School Board Warner,	32.00
Supplies for school houses,	17.90
Repairs,	105.43
Incidental expenses,.....	22.50
Balance unexpended,.....	4.32
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Total,	\$1,004.45

A. S. CRESSY, Treasurer.

Report of School Board, Town District.

We, the School Board of the Town District, cheerfully submit the following report of our schools.

We have tried to accomplish a year's work which shall be a credit to the interests of the district, as well as to ourselves. For a long time the need for better educational advantages has been felt by those interested in the work. For years past the schooling has been inadequate to the needs. Eight weeks in the spring and seven or eight in the fall generally completed the school-year, giving the older boys and girls who were needed at home through the busy season, seven weeks schooling, just enough to get started in their studies, and then leave them for a 45 weeks' vacation.

We are aware that we labor under greater disadvantages than other towns around us, inasmuch as the school money throughout town is not subject to equal distribution, but we must not let this be a stumbling block in our way, but rather an incentive to stimulate us to more activity. Our people last spring saw the necessity of more means and came to the rescue. Two hundred dollars was raised, one to help in the support of schools, the other for repairs. With this additional sum, and by careful consideration and economy, we were able the present year to give each scholar 25 weeks schooling. The Center school-house has been shingled, painted outside, with the addition of new blinds. The school house on the Plain has been newly shingled and other repairs made.

There has been some interruptions. The Massassecum school-

house caught fire from a defective chimney Dec. 17, which delayed school for a few days, in order to make some repairs before the school could go on. The winter term at the Center started out fair and prosperous. A teacher from Plymouth was hired who had received Normal school training and considerable experience, but after three weeks stay she suddenly turned her back on us and left for home, much to the surprise of nearly every one. School was delayed a few days until another teacher could be engaged. Several of our teachers were inexperienced, while others had long been in the service, but your Committee feel that they were all teachers of worth.

Reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, physiology, book-keeping and algebra have received more or less attention in our schools. This is as it should be, but would it not be better for the smaller children, and in fact the larger ones, to pay more attention to reading, writing and spelling? These are three very essential things. It has been stated by a man of education that when these three things are learned one is well started on the road to learning. Peace and harmony have been the ruling spirit of the year.

As a Committee we wish to extend our thanks to the parents, teachers and children, also to those who by their encouragements and votes helped us to raise the standard, and may the coming election find them even more ready to co-operate with us in carrying forward this educational work.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

School No. 2, West.

Spring Term,	Hattie M. Shattuck,	Albert M. Shattuck,
	Herbert Shattuck,	Robert J. Hoyt.
Fall Term,	Frances J. Hoyt,	Joseph Gaston.

School No. 4, Pond.

Spring Term,	Henry S. Foster,	Orvis M. Sargent,
	Ruth J. Ward.	
Fall Term,	Ruth J. Ward,	Carl Davis.

School No. 6, Plain.

Spring Term,	Lulu Cram, Nettie E. Blood.	Mildred A. White,
Fall Term,	Nettie E. Blood, Persis M. Hemphill,	Lulu M. Cram, Austin Cofrin.
Winter Term,	Persis M. Hemphill.	

School No. 12, Union with Newbury.

Spring Term,	Grace Flanders,	Henry Tatro.
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School No. 1, Center.

Spring Term,	Laura A. Colby, Abbie H. Hoyt, Grace E. Wiggin, Ernest M. Russell, George H. Presby, Frank Clogston, Lewis Barnes.	Viola E. Hoyt, Aldie B. Fowler, Leslie F. Wiggin, Perly O. Russell, Guy A. Craig, Arthur B. Gardner.
Fall Term,	Arthur B. Gardner, Ernest Russell, Viola E. Hoyt,	Alfred G. Stevens, Leslie F. Wiggin, Abbie H. Hoyt.
Winter Term,	Viola E. Hoyt, Grace Wiggin, Charles Chase, Lewis Barnes, Arthur B. Gardner, Alfred G. Stevens,	Abbie H. Hoyt, Etter H. True, Charles H. Fowler, Ray H. Eaton, Ernest Russell, George H. Presby.

PARKER B. CRAIG,	} Board of Education.
HENRY McCOY,	
HOLLIS L. BLOOD,	

Report of Special School District.

In making our annual report we are glad to be able to say we think our schools fairly successful, comparing favorably with others in town, and other towns. Five teachers were employed during the year, and in every instance we think they have tried to do their very best.

Many of the older pupils are not as studious as we wish they were, and if all has not been accomplished which parents might expect, we kindly ask you to exercise charity. How many of us, in our home life, have seen all the plans and ambitions of one year ago, wholly fulfilled? Neither teachers or pupils are supposed to be infallible. We sometimes think we expect teachers to bring our children up to a higher standard of behavior at school than we can possibly do at home.

Good schools require the hearty co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils. Regular attendance, supplemented by careful home training, cannot fail to produce good results. We urge parents and friends to visit school often, judge for yourselves instead of listening to reports.

We would make the suggestion that there had better be no school sessions on Saturday, as it has been proved by close observation, that very little is gained by the pupils, and always produces dissatisfaction. Children have their little plans for the Saturday holiday and will do better school work the following week by having had a little recreation. If a teacher is obliged to be absent for a day, now and then, let lost time be made up at the close of the term.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Spring term taught by Miss Florence N. Adams of Warner, who had taught the school the year previous with success. Having had much experience as a teacher, also Normal school training, she went into the school room understanding perfectly the work needed to be done. She was a faithful, earnest, worker, thorough in all branches. The committee visiting the school several times during the term found the prompt, ready answers of the pupils a great pleasure.

The examination and graduation at the close was a great success, Miss Mabel Steele was the only graduate—she did credit to the school.

Fall and Winter terms taught by Charles B. Abbott, of this town. He has not had the experience of our former teachers, yet has taught several terms in this and other towns, is a hard and patient worker in the school room, and has labored for the good of the pupils in his charge. We think much advancement is being made. The cash prizes offered by Mr. Abbott both terms in the spelling classes proved a stimulus, and marked improvement is the result.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

This school commenced under the tuition of Miss Florette Eaton who taught the year previous with marked success, but after three weeks and three days the children assembled one lovely May morning to find that during the night their dearly beloved teacher had been called to a Higher School, nevermore to return. The little tearful faces were sad to see, and parents mourned with pupils that one of such lovely character as to be a safe instructor for our children should be called Home. The services of Miss Jennie G. Colby were secured to teach the remainder of this and the succeeding term. Miss Colby proved a very energetic teacher and good disciplinarian. She retired from the list of teachers to a home of her own.

Miss Annie Gillingham, of Newbury, a graduate of Danvers, Mass., is teaching the present term. Her methods are approved, and from the general appearance of the school, thus far, we should pronounce her a superior teacher.

We have carefully examined the registers, and, while there are comparatively few whose names can go on the honor roll, we find many whose attendance is very nearly perfect, and we hope the coming year to have a larger number to report.

HONOR ROLL.

FIRST TERM.

Marion H. Partlett,	Willie P. Cheney,
Blanche E. Cheney,	Ralph M. Kittredge,
Ruth E. Carr,	Eldredge A. Morse,
Clara G. Cilley,	George W. Cheney,
Grace M. Hall,	Elmer G. Wellman,
Florence M. Choate,	Harold Ayer,
Everett G. Hall.	

SECOND TERM.

Florence M. Choate.

THIRD TERM.

Winthrop Danham, Eldredge Morse, George Steele.

As our schools are still in session, and registers incomplete, we cannot give a statistical table. Have had thirty-two weeks of school with only \$65.35 as expenses for text-books and supplies for the entire year.

MRS. G. A. C. BUTMAN,	} S. S. Committee.
MRS. ADDIE A. CHENEY,	
HARLON P. MORSE,	

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN:—In Compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of cities and towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

Births registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
Feb 26	Bradford N H	Harold Wyman	M L 1	Bert Wyman	Jennie Sargent	W	Bradford	Section-hand	Bradford	Bradford	28	22
Mar 31	"	Harry Chester Cheney	M L 1	Charles Cheney	Hattie Spaulding	W	"	"	"	Warner N H	28	28
June 30	"	"	M L 2	Frank M Palmer	Flora M Atterway	W	"	Mail Agent	E Washington	Milton N H	33	28
June 20	"	Alfred Douglas Ayer	M L 3	Layette Ayer	Susan B Chase	W	"	Farmer	Newbury N H	Hampton Falls	52	40
July 24	"	Priscilla C Richards	F L 2	Paschel B Richards	Estella M Bailey	W	"	Physician	Coventry Vt	North Sutton	67	19
Aug 29	"	"	F S 5	George E Gregory	Delia Gonis	W	"	Farmer	Canada	Canada	30	27
Sept 7	"	Esther A Smith	F L 3	Clarence M Smith	Cora C George	W	"	Tinman	Barton Vt	Hooksett N H	34	32
Dec 5	"	"	F L 2	Samuel Davis	Ruth Howlett	W	"	Farmer	Bradford	Bradford	41	35
Dec 19	"	Ethel I Griffin	F L 6	Frank L. Griffin	Jennie L Colburn	W	"	Engineer	GloucesterMass	Newbury N H	36	35

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Marriages registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	What marriage	Name, Residence and Official station of person by whom married
July 2	Bradford N H	George W Coffin Lillian M Chadwick	Bradford N H Sutton N H	35 21	W W	Clerk Housekeeper	Bradford N H Boston Mass	Page W Coffin Isaac Chadwick	Bradford N H Boston Mass	Farmer	1 1	Arthur Locke Clergyman Bradford N H
Aug 18	Hillsboro N H	Hiram Hoyt Mabel E Severance	Bradford N H Washington	25 17	W W	Farmer Housekeeper	Bradford N H Washington	Raymond Hoyt Hiram A Severance	Bradford N H Washington	Farmer Farmer	1 1	Samuel Eaton Clergyman Hillsboro N H
Nov 12	Waterloo N H	Herbert M Cheney Katie E Wells	Bradford N H Manchester	41 31	W W	Farmer Housekeeper	Wilmot N H England	Mathew H Cheney	Wilmot N H		2 3	E L Gates Clergyman Warner N H
Nov 18	Manchester	Willis N Bailey Anna Proctor	Bradford N H Massabesic	30 27	W W	Grocer Housekeeper	Bradford N H Manchester	Jacob C Bailey John H Proctor	Newbury N H Manchester	Undertaker Contractor	1 1	W H Morris Clergyman Manchester N H

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Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	AGE			Male or Female	Color	Single Wid- owed Married	PLACE OF BIRTH		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days				Father	Mother			
Mar 19	Rowley Mass	Mary A Dowlin	63	7		F	W	S	Bradford	Bradford	Timothy Dowlin	Catharine Hawks	General Debility fractured hip
Apr 22	Bradford N. H	Susan B Holmes	81	5	18	F	W	W	Henniker	Henniker	Jacob Brown	Lydia Newton	Carcinoma of the Mesentery
May 3	"	Julia M Putney	15	5		F	W	S	Bradford	Warner	Mason Putney	Betsy Bagley	Tuberculosis
May 21	"	Florette E Eaton	21	11	14	F	W	S	Newbury N H	Sunapee	George W Eaton	Alice M Currier	Nervous shock heart disease
Nov 6	"	Clara May Peaslee	10	2	8	F	W	S	Bradford	S Royalton Vt	Frank Peaslee	Nellie Coburn	Catarrhal Enteritis
Nov 24	"	Henrietta Paige	59	2	21	F	W	W	Bradford	Hopkinton	Richard Melvin	Betsy Straw	Coal Gas Apoplexy
Dec 6	"	Belinda Hoyt	90	7		F	W	W	Bradford	Sandwich	George Hoyt	Melinda Stockwell	Betray Colic
Dec 12	Concord N H	Lucy M Rowe	74	3	24	F	W	W	Sandwich	Granvill Vt	James Parker		

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